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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT

THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

QUOTE: HONOURABLE THOMAS (TIP) O'NEIL, SPEAKER, HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE CAPITOL, WASHINGTON DC USA.

DEAR MR SPEAKER: REPORTS REACHING MONROVIA REVEAL
THAT ON MONDAY EVENING THE FOURTEENTH INSTANT,
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES
ENACTED INTO LAW A BILL REPEALING THE BYRD AMENDMENT
THEREBY REIMPOSING THE BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF
RHODESIAN CHROME INTO THE UNITED STATES. AS I HAVE
BEEN AMONG AFRICAN LEADERS WHO HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THE GREAT IMPORTANCE
WHICH AFRICAN NATIONS ATTACH TO THE REPEAL OF THE
BYRD AMENDMENT IN THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION
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TO THE RHODESIAN QUESTION, A FACT WHICH I AGAIN
HAD OCCASION TO ARTICULATE WHEN I WAS PRIVILEGED TO
ADDRESS THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS LAST SEPTEMBER
DURING MY STATE VISIT ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF
YOUR NATIONS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, I WISH TO
COMMEND YOU AND THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THIS OUTSTANDING ACT IN

ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN DIGNITY,
JUSTICE AND AFRICAN LIBERATION AND AN IMPRESSIVE
MANIFESTATION OF FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LEGITIMATE
ASPIRATIONS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE. I AM
PERSONALLY OVERWHELMED WITH JOY FOR THIS LONG AWAITED
ACTION ON PART OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS WHICH
I AM HOPEFUL USHERS IN AN ERA OF MORE MEANINGFUL
COOPERATION BY THE UNITED STATES WITH AFRICAN NATIONS
IN THEIR CONTINUING STRUGGLE TO SPEEDILY BRING TO
THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE WITH
MAJORITY RULE. WITH SENTIMENTS OF OUR HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM SINCERELY, WR TOLBERT JR
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